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3 FAM – Personnel

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3 FAM 1610 DOMESTIC PARTNERS

Changes

1. **3 FAM 1612, Declaration of a Domestic Partner, subsection a(2):**
This subsection has been expanded regarding “common residence” arrangements.
2. **Change Transmittal** has replaced the term, Transmittal Letter. Change transmittal was selected as being more appropriate in this age of electronic information transmission. The FAM volume’s transmittal acronym and numerical series remains in place.
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